

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 193707  
ORIGIN DHA-02

INFO OCT-01 EA-07 ISO-00 ORM-02 /012 R

66011  
DRAFTED BY:D/HA/ORM:HBCUSING:CML  
APPROVED BY:D/HA:HBCUSING  
-----046444 160235Z /75

P 160102Z AUG 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 193707

FOLLOWING REPEAT PARIS 2396 ACTION SECSTATE DATED AUG 12:

QTE:C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 23496

FOR D/HA FOR SIEVERTS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SREF, VN  
SUBJECT: AMERICANS WITH RELATIVES IN VIETNAM

REF: STATE 185437

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM MR. AND MRS. L. R. COYKENDALL OF C/O KENTRON HAWAII LTD., KWAJALEIN MARSHAL ISLANDS 96555: QUOTE: THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES, UNITED STATES EMBASSY, PARIS, FRANCE. WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN SAIGON HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN ACTING AS INTERMEDIARY IN OBTAINING EXIT VISAS FOR VIETNAMESE DEPENDENTS OF US CITIZENS. IF THIS INFORMATION IS CORRECT CAN YOU HELP US IN REQUESTING THIS SERVICE? ANY ASSISTANCE YOU CAN PROVIDE WILL BE SINCERELY APPRECIATED. UNQUOTE.  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 193707

2. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO ANSWER ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE: QUOTE: INFORMATION WHICH YOU CITED IS INEXACT. AS WE UNDERSTAND CURRENT SITUATION, VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT GRANTS EXIST VISAS TO CERTAIN PERSONS, IN GENERAL TO SOME SPOUSES, CHILDREN, PARENTS, AND MINOR SIBLINGS OF

PERSONS RESIDING ABROAD. MANY OF THOSE WITH RELATIVES IN VIETNAM RESIDE IN FRANCE, WHOSE GOVERNMENT CERTIFIES SUPPORT DOCUMENTS WHICH THE PERSONS IN VIETNAM CAN SHOW TO THE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES TO SHOW THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO SOMEONE RESIDING IN FRANCE. TO DATE THE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT APPLIED THE ABOVE CRITERIA FOR DEPARTURE TO RELATIVES IN VIETNAM OF RESIDENTS OF THE U.S. FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN HELPFUL WITH TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE RECEIVED A VIETNAMESE EXIT PERMIT EVEN IF THEIR ULTIMATE DESTINATION IS NOT FRANCE. FREQUENTLY THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER ON REFUGEES AND THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS ARE ALSO OF ASSISTANCE. WE SUGGEST YOU CONTACT YOUR LOCAL BRANCH OF THE RED CROSS WITH DETAILS CONCERNING THE PERSON(S) YOU WISH TO ASSIST IN LEAVING VIETNAM. IF THESE PERSONS ALSO HAVE RELATIVES IN FRANCE, WE SUGGEST YOU HAVE THE RELATIVES IN FRANCE CONTACT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS INADVISABLE TO RAISE THE HOPES OF A LARGE NUMBER OF AMERICANS (AND VIETNAMESE) WITH RELATIVES IN VIETNAM THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO ARRANGE THE DEPARTURE OF THEIR RELATIVES. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, SUCH ASSISTANCE AS THE FRENCH, GERMAN, SWEDISH AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS CAN PROVIDE WILL BE EFFECTIVE IN ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF CASES, AND THEN  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 193707

ONLY WHEN THE CASE IN GENERAL MEETS THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE VIETNAMESE. WE SUGGEST THAT CASES BE SIFTED TO DETERMINE IN WHICH CASES THE RELATIVE(S) FIT THE VIETNAMESE CRITERIA AND IN PARTICULAR WHETHER THERE IS ANOTHER SUITABLE RELATIVE IN A THIRD COUNTRY. WHILE FRANCE MAY BE GENEROUS IN THE CASES OF PERSONS WHO COME TO FRANCE AND TAKE UP AT LEAST TEMPORARY RESIDENCE (AND HAVE A LONGER-TERM MAILING ADDRESS IN CASE THEY RETURN TO THE US), WE ARE SURE THAT THE GOF WILL NOT BE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE A MASSIVE MAIL-ORDER BUSINESS.  
HARTMAN UNQTE VANCE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** DEPENDENTS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 16-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977STATE193707  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** D/HA/ORM:HBCUSING:CML  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770294-0629  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770857/aaaabvyc.tel  
**Line Count:** 105  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 38d0f759-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN DHA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 77 STATE 185437  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 06-Apr-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1587621  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** AMERICANS WITH RELATIVES IN VIETNAM  
**TAGS:** SREF, CVIS, VN, US, FR  
**To:** BANGKOK  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/38d0f759-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009